

“Yesterday’s anointing”
Various Scriptures

“The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children crying in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant. Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, ‘from the mouths of babes and nursing infants you, Lord have called forth your praise’?” Matthew 21:14-16

What is a manifestation? An outward, visible sign of an inner working of the Holy Spirit. It may be a response or a reaction to the presence and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

When observing these manifestations, ask yourself:

1. Is Jesus being lifted up?
2. Is the spirit manifested bringing truth and greater spiritual values?
3. Is the spirit manifested leading people to love God and each other more?
4. Is there any practical change taking place over a period of time?
5. Are the experiences creating a hunger for God and His Word?

Manifestations:

1. Falling on the floor (Ezekiel 1:28; 3:23; Daniel 10:9; Revelation 1:17)
2. Shaking, jerking of hand, feet head or body (Daniel 10:7; Psalms 99:1; 114:7; Jeremiah 5:22; 23:9; Habakkuk 3:16)
3. Groaning/travailing (Romans 8:26; Galatians 4:19)
4. Deep bowing (Ezra 10:1; Psalms 35:13,14)
5. Heavy weeping/crying (Nehemiah 1:4; Ezra 10:1; Joel 2:12; Psalms 126:6; Luke 7:37,38)
6. Laughing (Proverbs 17:22; Psalms 126:1-3; Luke 6:21)
7. Being still/solemn (Psalms 25:5; 27:14; 37:7; 131:2)
8. Unable to move (a combination of 1 and 9)
9. Drunk in the Spirit (Acts 2:13; Ephesians 5:17,18)
10. Visions/Dreams (Acts 10:9-17; Joel 2:28)

The glory becomes “yesterday’s anointing” in two ways:

1. God may not necessarily want His glory to be manifested in precisely the same way as it had been unveiled in a previous way or time.
2. Those who “work it up” are trying to keep yesterday’s anointing alive, and the flesh becomes all too obvious.

Principle: Certain manifestations of an authentic work of God can repeat themselves somehow after the anointing has, in fact, diminished.

Principle: A person walking in yesterday’s anointing can be accepted by people – yet rejected by God.

Why did Saul lose the anointing?

1. He failed to continue to seek the anointing.

Principle: As a Christian you have an anointing. The anointing is there – but you must accept your anointing.

“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you...” 1 John 2:20, 27

“I shall be anointed with fresh oil.” Psalms 92:10

Principle: The anointing doesn’t come to those who sit around waiting for it.

2. He failed to wait on God.

Principle: More people fail because of going ahead of God’s timing, than any other reason.

3. He failed to understand the importance of worshipping from his heart.

Principle: True worship must not be replaced by religious acts

4. He failed to rely on God instead of natural things.

Principle: We cannot mix the natural and the supernatural.

5. He failed to be obedient.

Principle: When God gives directions, he is specific.

6. He failed to repent.

Principle: Many times, the only difference between someone who succeeds in God’s calling and anointing and someone who doesn’t is their ability to repent.

“Wash away all my iniquity – and cleanse me from all my sin.” Psalms 51:2

Principle: Never allow your position in the church to keep you from confessing sin.

“So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall.” 1 Corinthians 10:12

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.....If we say that we have no sin, we make God a liar and his word is not in us.” 1 John 1:8, 10

“As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.” Zechariah 9:11

“If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us for our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9